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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The disclosure is objected to for certain informalities, i.e., incorrect figure references for FIG. 6 and reversed-language in claim 11. Accordingly, paragraphs starting at page 11, line 20; page 12, line 19; page 14, line 24; page 14, line 27; page 15, line 9; page 17, line 29; and page 25, line 1, and claim 11 are hereby amended to correct various innocuous, typographical errors. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure are respectfully requested.

Claims 10 through 28, 30 and 31 remain in this application. Claims 1 through 9 and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, claims 10 through 12, 17, 20, 23, 30 and 31 have been amended.

Claims 10 through 28, 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,477,526 to Hayashi ("Hayashi patent").

Claim 10 as amended provides, *inter alia*, for selection of at least one intermediate location associated with the relationship between the starting location and the destination location. Claim 17 as amended provides, *inter alia*, a computer readable program code that identifies an intermediate location associated with the relationship between the first location and the second location. Claim 23 as amended provides, *inter alia*, receiving at the communication node at least one intermediate-identifier, wherein the intermediate-identifier defines an intermediate location associated with the starting location and the destination location. Support for the above recitation is provided by FIG. 4 and at page 12, lines 19 through 31, of the specification.

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In contrast, the Hayashi patent describes a map display that shows map images surrounding user selected locations (see FIGs. 3 & 4; and col. 6, lines 20 through 39). The Hayashi patent does not describe or suggest the selection or identification of at least one intermediate location associated with the relationship between the starting location and the destination location, as required by claims 1, 17 and 23. Therefore, claims 10, 17 and 23 distinguish patentably from the Hayashi patent.

Claims 11 through 16, 18 through 22, 24 through 28, 30 and 31 depend from and include all limitations of independent claims 10, 17 and 23 as amended. Therefore, claims 11 through 16, 18 through 22, 24 through 28, 30 and 31 distinguish patentably from the Hayashi patent for the reasons stated above for claims 10, 17 and 23.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10 through 28, 30 and 31 are respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.


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It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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